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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Persia's Opportunity

THE comparatively friendly attitude to Britain expressed by the new Persian Premier, General Zuhdi, will undoubtedly be treated with some caution in London because his past record shows him to be anything but pro-British. Nonetheless, it has to be recognised that General Zuhdi's policies at the moment are entirely dictated by special circumstances which might, at long last, bring some reality to Persia's treatment of problems which affect other parts of the world as well as herself. In bemoaning the fact that the Mossadegh regime has left the country completely bankrupt—financially and politically—the Shah is merely restating something which has long been obvious. Mossadegh hardly attempted to disguise the situation while he still held power. But the promise now being held out is that the new Government intends to tackle the problem in a commonsense manner; that it will not allow a solution to be rejected out of hand because of differences with Britain. The Shah and his principal advisers are making no bones about the nation's precarious position and are frankly declaring they will accept aid from anybody. This, perhaps, is not quite true and is designed particularly to encourage the United States to forestall any offer which Russia may feel inclined to advance.

BUT while it is true that Persia urgently needs financial assistance, if only to meet immediate needs for paying the salaries of Government employees, in the long run the country's financial and economic stability must depend on the oil fields again coming into operation, and refined oil being marketed to the outside world. Anything short of this merely gives Persia the status of a poor and dependent relation, and offers no permanent recovery from the bankruptcy which she is now suffering. First signs are that the Shah and General Zuhdi perceive and appreciate this; that they also realise if oil is to flow again in Iran and sold abroad, an agreement must be reached with Britain. The British offer which Mossadegh so disdainfully rejected remains open to the new Government. It is a fair one, has the support of America, and can be made operative as soon as Persia desires. It acknowledges and accepts nationalisation of the industry in Persia and if made effective would yield the country bigger revenues than those which came from the old concession arrangement. On Britain's part the only conditions required are a fair compensation to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, the use by Persia of British experts to help operate the industry efficiently, and the marketing of the oil through the long established and normal channels. Persia still faces the same dilemma today as when she unilaterally abrogated her agreement with the AIOC, although it has become more acute. The solution, honourable and just to all parties, also still exists, but unless the Shah and his advisers seize this opportunity of reaching an acceptable agreement with Britain, the overthrow of the Mossadegh regime will have accomplished nothing of value to the nation.

Russia's New Proposal For Korean Conference

WANTS 15 NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE: VOTE FOR SOUTH KOREA US Promise To India

United Nations, Aug. 25.

Russia agreed to a South Korean vote in the Korean peace conference today as the United States promised India a seat in future parleys while barring her from the Korean negotiations.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, put forward a new slate of 15 nations to attend the Korean parley, including nine non-belligerents, insisting that only this sort of round-table system had a chance of success.

He warned that if the West insisted on hand-picking only friends "you will concoct a brew on which everybody will get drunk... but you won't resolve any problems".

The American delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, conveyed to the Political Committee the first public admission by the United States that its opposition to Indian attendance at the Far East parley stemmed in part from the South Korean threat to boycott the conference if India attended.

Mr. Lodge stood fast on the US insistence that the United Nations limit its delegation to the Korean parley to nations that fought under the UN flag in Korea. However, he went out of his way to mollify the injured feelings of the Indians as well as the wide resentment throughout Asia and Western Europe, growing out of the all-out and apparently successful American campaign to defeat a British Commonwealth proposal to invite India to the parley.

"The government and people of the United States have the greatest admiration for India which we regard as a great democratic power... and which can play a great role in insure peace and democracy in Asia," said Mr. Lodge.

But he reminded his listeners that the Korean parley was the immediate problem and he played up the concern that India's attendance, in view of the South Korean boycott threats, "would jeopardise success of the conference".

INDIA'S ROLE

The former Massachusetts Senator said that the attitude of the Communists at the Korean parley would "determine in large measure whether it will be useful to discuss other problems of peace in the Far East."

"India can play a central and constructive role and we in the United States will do all in our power to facilitate their participation," said Mr. Lodge.

The Indian delegate, Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon, speaking for the first time in the debate, strongly supported the view that the peace parley should include non-belligerents, though pointing out that India itself was not campaigning for itself.

Mr. Menon emphasised the general feeling here that no matter what decisions the General Assembly takes, the concurrence of the Chinese and North Korean Reds will be necessary if the peace parley provided for in the Panmunjom pact is to take place as scheduled before October 23.

Mr. Vyshinsky's speech, clearing up concern here that his original proposal was meant to deny South Korea a vote at the Korean parley, concluded with the Kremlin's new slate of nominees for the peace parley—United Press.

15 NATIONS

The Soviet Union today revised its proposal regarding the membership of the Korean peace conference and recommended that it be enlarged to fifteen.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, speaking in the Political Committee of the United Nations, added the

names of Indonesia, Syria, Egypt and Mexico to the eleven already proposed by Russia. Mr. Vyshinsky also substituted Czechoslovakia for Sweden in the list of members proposed by Russia.

The fifteen named were: The United States, Britain, France, Soviet Union, Communist China, India, Poland, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, South Korea, Indonesia, Syria, Egypt, Mexico and Burma.

In addition, he changed his previous resolution to read that "decisions of the conference will be deemed to have been adopted only if they have the unanimous consent of the parties which have signed the armistice agreement."

Mr. Vyshinsky's original proposal was that decisions would be deemed to have been adopted "if they have the consent of the parties which have signed the armistice agreement."

Western powers had said that the original draft would have meant the exclusion of South Korea from the peace settlement because she did not actually sign the agreement. General Mark Clark, the United States Commander, signed on behalf of all the allies.

Mr. Vyshinsky said the United States was construing Article Sixty of the armistice agreement, which recommended the conference, in an "arbitrary manner, giving it a restrictive sense."

By barring non-belligerents, Mr. Vyshinsky said the United States was proposing to leave out automatically 44 other members of the United Nations under whose flag the United States has professed to have conducted the war.

NOT A DICTATE

Mr. Vyshinsky said that Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, of Britain, was "not right when he felt that we were giving dictatorial membership of the conference."

"No proposal that was issued from us could be used as a dictate," Mr. Vyshinsky added. "The main efforts have been shifted by the United States delegation into the lobbies. They feel that they can swing the matter in their favour. It would not be done openly but by log rolling."

Mr. Vyshinsky said: "We should ensure favourable conditions for the success of the conference. In order to ensure that success, a line should be drawn somewhere. It is essential also that we have countries participate in the conference that did not take part in the conflict and particularly Korea's neighbours. This is an elementary principle."

meeting that the United States would vote against India.

This statement, coincidentally, came at the same time that South Korea said she would not participate if India did.

PRIOR AGREEMENT

The reason for the American attitude, Mr. Vyshinsky said, was that the United States had prior agreement with South Korea as to the structure and composition of the conference—likewise a plan of action for the conference which had been arrived at without consultation with other allies of the United States.

Mr. Vyshinsky charged that plans were being prepared to wreck the conference. He said that even the Australian delegate had to admit that the statements of Dr. Syngman Rhee, the South Korean Premier, had caused considerable concern among the people of Australia and the people of other countries.

"Today Mr. Spender (Sir Percy Spender, chief Australian delegate) seemed to have recovered from those misgivings," Mr. Vyshinsky added. "But others had not."

Mr. Vyshinsky said he did not care whether it was "a round-table" conference. "I am well known for making concessions," he said. "Let's make it a square table. I don't care what the table is going to be."

The delegates to the conference should be there, he said, "in good faith rather than purposing to blow up that table, rather than acting in a manner appropriate only for armed forces facing each other across no man's land, always prepared to destroy their enemy."

"The men who sit there," added Mr. Vyshinsky, "should be prepared to seek common ground and a common language; to create the foundation for a lasting peace throughout the world; to eliminate the danger of a new world war with which certain events in Korea may be fraught."

"SLOGAN FOR WAR"

Mr. Vyshinsky asserted that the call for reunification of Korea was "nothing but a slogan for more war" and a demagogic cover-up for a plan to destroy North Korea.

The Soviet delegate, saying he was quoting from United Nations documents of 1949, declared they showed that it was consistently South Korea's view that unification could not be accomplished without force.

Mr. Vyshinsky said that for the General Assembly to select membership of the conference on a basis of sympathy or support of one of the belligerents was inadmissible.

If the Assembly insisted on a conference based on hand-picked friends, "you will concoct a brew which will get everybody drunk, which will cause no end of drunkenness and will not resolve the problem," said Mr. Vyshinsky. The General Assembly should recommend a membership, he said, which would be necessary. (Contd. on back page, col. 3)

Peter The Postman Paddles



Postman Peter Mason walks barefoot through a flood of water in King's Cross Road, Finchley, to deliver the mail after a water main had burst and flooded the street. The water tore up wooden blocks and flooded basements.—London Express picture.

Mountaineers Overdue

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25. Seven men of the Argentine winter expedition to Aconcagua, highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere, are five days overdue.

They have failed to report their position after meeting the worst blizzard the area has known for years.

Rescue parties waited today for conditions to improve before setting out to search for them. The team was led by a veteran Andes mountaineer, Senor Miguel Carafe.

Five people died in storms last weekend and more victims are feared. An avalanche swept away a station on the Chile-bound railway in Mendoza Province.

Aconcagua lies near the Chilean frontier. Its height is given here as 7,035 metres (about 23,070 feet), but other estimates are 23,308 and nearly 23,000 feet.—Reuters.

Flying Aircraft Carrier

US INNOVATION

Washington, Aug. 25. The Air Force announced today that it had successfully turned the giant B36 into a flying aircraft carrier which can launch and recover a jet fighter in flight.

Extensive flight tests have proved it possible to release a high speed Republic F8 Thunderbolt jet fighter from the belly of the big bomber and retrieve it miles above the earth.

The F8 fighter-bomber is capable of carrying an atomic bomb.

It has a speed of more than 600 miles per hour and can strike more than 650 miles from its base and return.

A spokesman said that launching it several miles in the air where it would not have to use fuel in climbing would increase its range still more.

SPEED AND RANGE

The Air Force said that this kangaroo-like combination would have both the intercontinental range of the B-36 and the speed of the fighter.

Though the Air Force said that the fighter would be used for reconnaissance it added that with slight modifications it could perform a variety of missions.

This apparently meant that if necessary the B-36 could launch the fighter some 4,000 miles from base, then launch it for an atomic attack 650 miles away at a speed the lumbering bomber could never match. The bomber could remain in relatively safe territory to recover its fighter and take it home.

The Air Force said that the B-36 could land and take off with the fighter snuggled in its bomb bay, its wings protruding below the fuselage.—United Press.

No Change Is Contemplated

London, Aug. 25. Official British sources said today that no change "was at present contemplated" in Anglo-Chinese diplomatic relations. Britain's new representative in Peking, Mr. Humphrey Trevelyan, retains his status as Charge d'Affaires, the sources said.

China has given no indication that she wants the present status changed. She still has no representative in London.—United Press.

END OF FRENCH STRIKES

Communist Unions Capitulate

Paris, Aug. 25.

The 21-day labour offensive against the French Government crumbled to-night when the Communist unions ordered all strikers back to work.

The Communist General Confederation of Labour (CGT) gave the walk-out ending instructions when confronted with a growing desire on the part of the 400,000 railwaymen of France to end the exhausting battle with the Government.

The rail strike had lasted 16 days and had cost the Government almost \$100,000,000 in lost revenues and spoiled food. Its end culminated the labour campaign which began just three weeks ago with a walk-out by postmen in Bordeaux and spread like wildfire throughout every nationalised industry.

Government announcements said that the situation was fast returning to normal in the post, telephone and telegraph industry.

In the coal fields, where 90 per cent of the miners have gone back, work has begun, according to official reports.

Non-Communist labour leaders who had instructed their followers to end the strikes last Friday, stated that the Communist orders were given to spare the Red Party the embarrassment of being isolated from the workers.—United Press.

Strike Extended

London, Aug. 25.

The Communist-led electrical trade union's "guerrilla strike" of more than 1,000 electricians, which started at ten selected points yesterday was extended to two others tonight.

The two new sites are the National Radio Show, due to open on September 1, and the Engineering and Marine Exhibition billed to start on Thursday.—Reuters.

Washington, Aug. 25. A young man was fined \$8 by a traffic court here today for holding hands with a girl while driving a car at 30 miles an hour.—France-Press.



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Michael O'Brien Held Incommunicado

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25. Michael Patrick O'Brien, the modern "man without a country," was held incommunicado today aboard the French liner Bretagne, in which he had arrived from Brazil.

The Argentine maritime authorities refused to permit newsmen to interview O'Brien. They would not say whether he would be allowed to disembark here.

O'Brien came to South America on an immigrant's visa, but Brazil refused to admit him as an "undesirable" and because he used two names.—United Press.

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NEXT CHANGE AT THE MAJESTIC



Japan's Export Trade

Possibility Of More Sales To U.S.

Washington, Aug. 25. United States businessmen who favour increased imports from Japan feel that the protectionist opposition in America has been stymied at least temporarily and that now is the time for a vigorous Japanese sales drive.

They believe that if the Japanese made real headway in such a campaign they must thoroughly survey the United States market and tailor their goods more to American tastes.

This reflects a change in business outlook.

Until recently the immediate concern of these circles was whether the United States was moving back toward more restrictions on the further liberalization of foreign trade policy.

Would the Japanese, it was asked, be permitted to continue building up their exports to the United States or would their post-war efforts in this field be undone by new American trade barriers?

The protectionist drive which began about 18 months ago appears to have been locked, it argued.

SLOWING DOWN

None of the major protectionist bills got through Congress. President Eisenhower has succeeded in imposing a sort of trade during which a special committee will work out an overall trade policy and no drastic moves—except in cases of urgent need—are expected to be made by Congress or the United States Tariff Commission.

The protectionist drive is seen as having lost some of its momentum although it still has strength.

These circles argue that the "trade not aid" programme which has the support of influential segments of the Administration and big business and is opposed mainly by small business interests with the United States for foreign competition, may gain increasing acceptance in the United States.

In short, these quarters feel that in the matter of permitting friendly foreign countries—including Japan—to earn more dollars through trade with the United States the prospects are moderately encouraging.—United Press.

DISEASED MEAT KILLS FOUR

Cairo, Aug. 25. Four have died and 100 more are suffering from severe poisoning after eating diseased camel meat in the village of Nefkalla, Upper Egypt, officials reported today.

The sick camels had been slaughtered by a butcher to meet extra demand.—United Press.

POLITICAL CONFERENCE COMPOSITION ATTACKED BY SOVIET COMMENTATOR

"NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS"

London, Aug. 25.

A Russian writer declared today in an international review that the principle of two opposing sides at the Korean political conference "excludes all possibility of success."

Fass, the Soviet news agency, in a message received in London today, quoted the writer, Alexandrov, as saying the countries which had not fought in Korea "are capable of making important contributions to the matter of guaranteeing a stable peace in the Far East."

Alexandrov said the support by certain nations, including Britain, of Soviet and Indian participation in the political conference, "is a growing resistance to the United States dictation in the General Assembly."

"The bourgeois press abroad, including the American press, notes that the discussion in the Political Committee has been conducted openly for the first time in the presence of a deep conflict between the Western allies concerning the nature of the political conference in Korea," the writer added.

Alexandrov continued: "Although the armistice agreement contains a special paragraph on the necessity of a special political conference to solve, among other questions, the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korean territory, the treaty gives the Americans the right to occupy South Korea."

Bonn Asked To Ban Reichs Party

Hanover, Aug. 25. The State Cabinet of Lower Saxony today decided to call on the West German Government to ask the Constitutional Court to ban the German Reichs Party.

Dr. Werner Naumann, once "half apparent" to the Nazi Propaganda Minister, Josef Goebbels, and now one of the leaders of this extreme right-wing party, was yesterday classed as an active Nazi supporter and banned from voting or standing in next month's general election.

The Lower Saxony State Government wants the party banned because it is unconstitutional and aims at fanning the liquidating democratic order and endangering the existence of the Federal Republic.

(The State had to approach the Federal Government with its request for the ban because, under existing laws, a State government can only apply to the Constitutional Court if the activities of a party are restricted to that State.)—Reuter.

Krupp Agreement With New Delhi

New Delhi, Aug. 25.

The Minister of Production, Mr. K. C. Reddy, announced in the Indian Parliament details of recent negotiations with German steel firms Krupp and Demag for setting up a 500,000-ton capacity steel plant in India.

In December last year a Government of India delegation began negotiations with Japanese steel interests in Washington on a similar agreement and reached tentative agreement.

However, this agreement was not implemented and the Indian Government began negotiations with the Germans.

When negotiations with the Japanese fell through the Indian Government deputed, Mr. A. K. Chandra, Secretary of the Ministry of Production, to negotiate with the Krupp-Demag combine.

The agreement provides for the technical and financial participation of these two firms in the construction of a steel plant with an initial capacity of 500,000 tons and capable of expansion to a capacity of 1,000,000 tons.

The estimated cost of the plant is \$100,000,000 and the German partners may contribute to the extent of only \$20,000,000.

The Government of India will approach the World Bank for a loan of \$80,000,000 to finance the steel project.

The German investment will be for a period of 10 years with option on either side to continue the association for a further period of 10 years. Representatives of the German combine are expected to arrive in India next month to make an on-the-spot study and survey various sites proposed for the location of the steel plant.

At that time they will also hold discussions with the Indian Government in regard to other details and to finalise the agreement.

The Government of India will soon call for global tenders for the erection of the steel plant.

The Indian Government is believed to be planning additional steel expansion because it feels that there is need for more steel for the industrialisation of the country.—United Press.

MANILA REACTS SHARPLY

Japanese Attitude On Reparations

Manila, Aug. 25. Members of the Nationalista majority in the treaty-ratifying Senate reacted sharply today to a despatch from Tokyo on the reparations issue.

The despatch (not by the United Press) reported Japanese Foreign Office authorities as stating that Japan "has never contemplated" paying cash reparations to the Philippines as part settlement of the Philippines claim for war losses.

Senator Carlos M. Recto, Nacionalista Foreign policy spokesman, said that if the report was accurate the situation had been set back to the time before Japan sent out encouraging feelers on reparations.

Mr. Recto reaffirmed his previously stated view that only a categorical reply from Japan on the amount she can pay, the goods she can deliver and the period it will take her to complete settlement will relieve the unsolved peace treaty question.

At the same time, Senator Carlos P. Garcia, Nacionalista Vice-Presidential candidate in his capacity as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that the reported attitude of the unnamed Japanese Foreign Office authorities had dimmed hopes of an early solution of the peace settlement issue before the reopening of Congress next January.—United Press.

Nurses On Baby-Killing Charge

Tokyo, Aug. 25.

The Japanese City police today referred two nurses of the synaecological clinic in the city to the procurator on a charge of killing more than 12 babies since the end of the war.

The police said the nurses confessed they killed the babies two or three days after they were born at the request of the babies' mothers—most of them common law wives.

The bodies were buried secretly in the premises of a temple in the outskirts of the city at a commission of 500 yen each time, the police said.

The police are now continuing the search of the temple after finding several bodies of babies there.—China Mail Special.

REPORT ON LABOUR IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Aug. 25.

In 1952 Japan's labour force reached 37,420,000, an increase of 900,000 over the previous year, according to White Paper on labour published today.

Of the increased section of labour 200,000 worked on farms and 600,000 in medium and small factories and service industry, while the rest were registered as "unemployed."

The employment tax for mining and manufacturing enterprises was unchanged. This would seem to indicate that unemployment will increase in 1953.

The nominal wage per capita increased 2.6 per cent to yen 14,434. The real wage increase was 15.0 per cent, with commodity prices rising by five per cent in the same period.

Wages accounted for 47.7 per cent of the national income, compared with 39.3 per cent in 1934/35.

As of the end of June, 1952 workers' unions had a membership totalling 5,719,000, or 40.2 per cent of all workers, according to the White Paper.

Compared with 1930 the number of unions increased 29 times and membership 13.6 times.

In 1932, 3,520,000 workers took part in strikes, recording an increase of 700,000 strikers as compared with the previous year. In other words, 62 out of 100 workers participated in some strike or other.

The total working time lost by strikes was 15 million working days, according to the report.—China Mail Special.

Malenkov Gets Applause Of Supreme Soviet

London, Aug. 25.

Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, tonight attended the opening session in Moscow of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of the Russian Soviet Republic, largest of the federated States of the Soviet Union.

Moscow Radio, in announcing the meeting, said there was prolonged applause for Malenkov and other top State and Party leaders as they entered the great Kremlin Palace. Among them were Vyacheslav Molotov, the Foreign Minister; Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, President of the Soviet Union, and General Nikolai Bulganin, Defence Minister.

The session heard a budget report from Ivan Fedyev, Finance Minister of the Russian Soviet Republic. He reported that Republican and local industry had exceeded gross production targets. He added that during 1951-52 the number of pupils at school and of students in universities and technical colleges had increased.—Reuter.

Gruenther Flies North

Paris, Aug. 25.

General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, left today by air for Stavanger for a seven-day visit to Norway and Denmark.—Reuter.

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Fresh Moscow Gesture

Uranium Company Reorganised

Berlin, Aug. 25. The Soviet-owned Wismuth Company, which has mined millions of tons of uranium-bearing soil for the Russians in East Germany since the end of World War II, has been transformed into a mixed German-Russian company, the official East German News Agency, ADN, announced tonight.

ADN said that the news was announced by Herr Otto Grotewohl, the East German Prime Minister, in his report on Soviet concessions to East Germany negotiated during his visit to Moscow last week.

He was speaking before the Volkskammer, Lower House of Parliament.

East Germany and Russia would have "equal shares" in the reorganised Wismuth Company.

Hitherto, according to Allied reports, the company, which exploited the uranium fields near Aue, Saxony, with German labour, has been registered in Moscow. All directors were Soviet citizens.

The first three directors, Allied reports said, lived in Moscow and were responsible to the Soviet Ministry of Defence—whose interest was involved because uranium is the "raw material" of the atomic bomb.

About 5,000 troops of the Russian secret police (MVD) organisation helped guard the security of the uranium project. It consisted of about 200 shafts sunk in the Erzgebirge, a mountain range running along the border of Saxony and Czechoslovakia.

Up to 300,000 workers—voluntary or forced—were employed in the mines, according to Allied estimates. Many were said to have been sent to the mines after being sentenced for political or economic reasons.—China Mail Special.

Coughed Up 1944 Bullet

Oldenburg, Aug. 25.

A former German soldier, Karl Janssen, today coughed out a 15-millimetre machine-gun bullet which had lodged in his lungs nine years ago.

In 1944, a machine-gun bullet struck Janssen in the mouth, and entered his left lung. The operation to remove the bullet was so dangerous that no attempt was made to extract it. Janssen suffered periodically from attacks resembling asthma. He was sent to Dortmund for his health, and suffered a much more severe attack than usual. In a fit of coughing today, he spit out the bullet. It weighed 15 grammes.—France-Press.

The Sweets Of Friendship



Unusual in his choice of companions and in his drinking habits is Reynaud, the fox—whose best friend is Sugar, the spaniel, and whose favourite drink is beer. Reynaud was dug from an earth 18 months ago by Mr. W. Knight, owner of a pack of beagles and host of the Bell Inn at Ingatstone, Essex. Reynaud was raised with Mr. Knight's dogs. Because he likes beer the fox is given the beer from the barrels with his food each day.—Reuterphoto.

Cool Reaction Of Spain To The Events In Morocco

Madrid, Aug. 25. General Rafael Garcia Valino, Spanish High Commissioner in Morocco, today criticised France for not having consulted Spain before removing the Sultan of Morocco.

In a speech in Tetuan, Spanish Zone of Morocco, he said: "We should move together in all aspects of Moroccan evolution."

"In future it will be difficult for an atmosphere of confidence to exist permitting such collaboration."

This was Spain's first official reaction in the matter.

General Garcia Valino was speaking in the Mexaur Palace in Tetuan at the customary visit to the Caliph, Prince Moulay Hassan, on the feast of Aid el Kebir.

The Caliph represents the Sultan of Morocco in the Spanish Zone.

General Garcia Valino said: "I regret very much as representative of Spain your suffering in the critical moments through which Morocco is passing."

Another Daring Raid By French Commandos

COASTAL ATTACK IN SONG YEN ESTUARY

Saigon, Aug. 25.

French and Vietnamese Commandos have struck at the Vietminh in an air-supported attack on the coast near the Song Yen River estuary, 105 miles from Hanoi.

French Navy vessels participating in the attack have sunk 10 sea-going junks, a spokesman said.

The French Command said that a Vietnamese guard patrol boat was blown up by a rebel mine on a river 12 miles south of Saigon yesterday. The casualty list included 18 guardsmen missing and 18 wounded.

The latest French offensive came as the French Forces Commander-in-Chief, General Navarre, claimed that he has snatched the initiative from his counterpart rebel generalissimo, Vo Nguyen Giap.

In an interview published in the French Forces weekly journal, the French General, however, warned that the expected ultimate offensive of the rebels would be a "tough problem."

Gen. Navarre said that the recent successful blows against rebel installations were mainly due to the fully-observed secrecy protecting French plans plus "leaks in the bombom curtain" shrouding Vietminh plans.

As a result of this regrouping, French and Vietnamese night raids had been more and more frequent, and even on the local echelon, they were beginning to dictate the trend of the war to the Vietminh. In most cases, they had taken the initiative in the operations, with the result that most encounters with the Vietminh had been successful.

General Navarre warned that much remained to be done. For example, many small posts were still invested; others had been taken by surprise, or captured through treachery, and troops had fallen into ambushes which they could, and should, have avoided. Furthermore, the Vietminh, it was known, was preparing revenge in the camps on the high plateau at Vinh and Thanh Hoa.

The regrouped French Union troops will be increased in two months' time by 19 battalions, according to an announcement by the Vietnam Army, Operations chief, General Van Han Van.

He said that the light battalions, the first part of the 54th battalion force to be trained by the end of the year, would be stationed in some vital sectors of the Red River delta around Hanoi and the rice fields which are expected to be the rebel offensive's main target.—United Press and France-Press.

"IKE" AND MEXICAN PRESIDENT TO MEET

Denver, Aug. 25.

President Eisenhower will meet the President of Mexico, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, on the United States-Mexican border on October 19 to dedicate Falcon Dam on the Rio Grande. It was announced today.

President Eisenhower will speak at the function. It will probably be a major address, the Presidential press secretary, Mr. James C. Hagerty, said.

Other presidential engagements announced today by officials at Mr. Eisenhower's holiday headquarters include speeches at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 15, and New Orleans on October 17.

The Kansas City speech, at the convention of the farmers of America, is also likely to be a major address, Mr. Hagerty said.

On September 23 the President of Panama, Jose Antonio Remon, will visit President Eisenhower in Washington.

Falcon Dam will serve the lower Rio Grande Valley. It rises 150 feet above the river and was built up jointly by the United States and Mexico under the 1944 treaty.—China Mail Special.

Aussie Meat For Russia

Melbourne, Aug. 25.

The Australian Department of Commerce has issued permits for the export to Russia of some canned meat and mutton, Mr. J. L. Shute, Chairman of the Meat Board, said today.

His Board had available 1,000 tons of mutton for sale on a trade-to-trade basis to any country that wanted it.

Mr. Shute said a Soviet firm had recently written to all Australian meat exporting companies seeking shipments of beef, mutton and pork.

There was no statement from the Department of Commerce regarding the Soviet permit.—Reuter.

"Cobalt Bomb Would Be Act Of Madman"

Canberra, Aug. 25.

Professor Marcus Oliphant, Director of Physical Sciences at the Australian National University, said tonight: "Only a madman would use the cobalt bomb. It is a two-edged weapon which would cause as much damage to the attacker as to the attacked."

Professor Oliphant was commenting on a London press report that Britain might test a cobalt bomb at Woomera range here in October.

Professor Oliphant said the cobalt bomb worked on the theory that by mixing cobalt with atomic bomb material, scientists could produce radioactivity strong enough to contaminate the bombed area for perhaps years.

"Nobody would use such a thing because it would mean the area would be inaccessible to anyone until the radioactivity had worn off," he explained.—Reuter.

Judge's Appointment

London, Aug. 25.

The appointment of Francis Arthur Briggs, Pulaski Judge in the Federation of Malaya, to be Justice of Appeal, Eastern African Court of Appeal, was announced in tonight's London Gazette.—Reuter.

Queen Juliana Visits Flood Areas



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, followed by officials, passes a group of workers clearing away mud in a street in Krulningen during a visit to some of the areas in Holland devastated by the severe floods last February. Krulningen has only recently been completely cleared of the flood waters.—Express Photo.

Lord Boyd Orr's Call For Food Talks With Soviet

Copenhagen, Aug. 25.

Lord Boyd Orr, former Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, today called for talks with Russia to increase world food production.

He was addressing 400 delegates from 30 countries attending the World Government Movement's Conference here.

Lord Boyd Orr said: "If the hungry peoples of the world were offered the choice between all our freedoms and four sandwiches, they would choose the sandwiches."

"Let us talk with the Russians about improving agriculture and stop the endless talk about Capitalism and Communism. Let us talk about corn and timber."

"Mr. Truman, when President once made this proposal, and nearly 10 years of talk have taken place."

"We tried to take this step in the food and agriculture conference in Copenhagen in 1946, but it was premature. Now the time has come for action."

"Many say that the Western countries are willing but that the Russians would never come in. But I can tell you something else—the Russians have never been asked."

Lord Boyd Orr recalled that Mr. Florentino LaGuardia (the late Mayor of New York)—"that great American"—discussed this problem with Stalin in Moscow during the war.

Stalin had replied: "It all sounds very reasonable, but America and Britain would never agree to help."

Saying that an American commission had found that it would be possible to double the world's food production, Lord Boyd Orr added:

"Let us begin by reducing our expenditure on arms by five per cent for this purpose."

"The businessmen agree but say the politicians will never come in with the plan. Meanwhile Asia and Africa are beginning to revolt."—Reuter.

Legless Man Swims To Safety

Innsbruck, Aug. 25.

Alois Geschwandtner, an Austrian who lost both legs during the war, swam to safety when his car fell into the Achensee (in the Tyrol) yesterday, the police reported today.—Reuter.

Survives Fall Of 100 Feet

Bristol, Aug. 25.

Gilbert Taylor, 32-year-old printer of Alexander Road, Bristol, who yesterday accidentally fell 100 feet off the Clifton suspension bridge, Bristol, and suffered only broken ribs, was stated to be progressing satisfactorily at Bristol Royal Infirmary today.

Taylor was at work painting the bridge. He jumped on to the parapet to retrieve a girl's raincoat which had fallen there but misjudged and instead of landing on the parapet fell 100 feet on the slope of the bridge.—China Mail Special.

War Criminal Released

Bonn, Aug. 25.

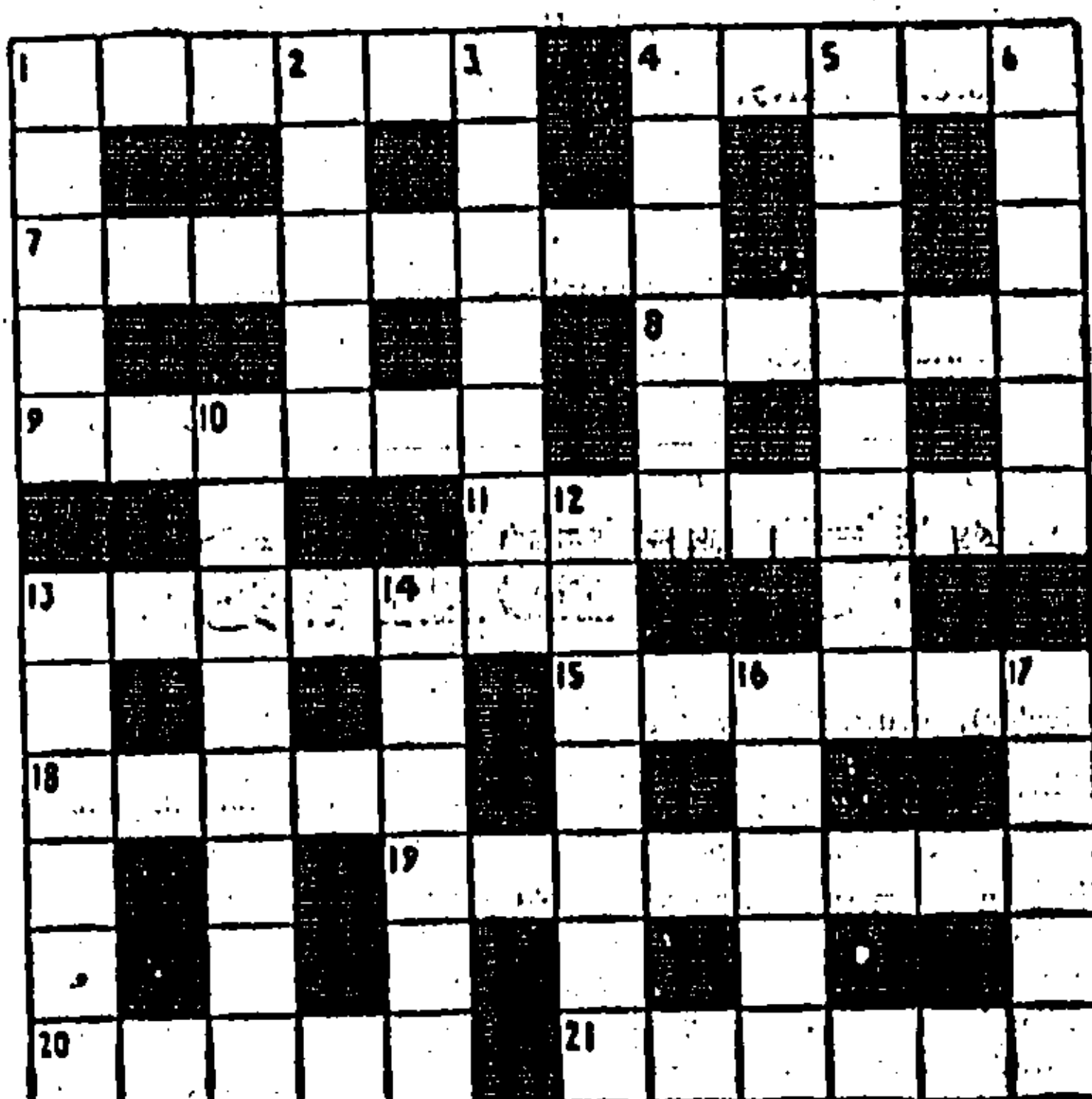
The British authorities in Germany today released another war criminal from their prison at Werl, Westphalia.

He was Heinrich Meisler, 47, who had been sentenced to death on January 25, 1948, at Hamburg for having been concerned in the killing of 30 Allied nationals.

His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and later reduced to 10 years imprisonment.

He was released on the expiry of his sentence, remission for good conduct and pre-trial custody having been taken into account. British officials said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Robber (6).
 - 2 Supporter (6).
 - 3 Child (6).
 - 4 Surpass (6).
 - 5 Skiff (6).
 - 6 Salad plant (7).
 - 7 Suits (7).
 - 8 Magnificent (6).
 - 9 Young animals (6).
 - 10 Stacks of fodder (8).
 - 11 Concise (6).
 - 12 Territory (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Gallant (6).
 - 2 Lick (6).
 - 3 Scottish emblem (7).
 - 4 Command (6).
 - 5 Finish (6).
 - 6 Lissom (6).
 - 7 Odd (6).
 - 8 Attempted (7).
 - 9 Tail (6).
 - 10 Golf club (6).
 - 11 Geometrical figure (6).
 - 12 Bowl (6).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: 1 Arms, 4 Dastard, 8 Poor, 9 Vague, 10 Visible, 11 Dais, 12 Pore, 14 Leisure, 17 Amuse, 18 Vague, 22 Treated, 26 Vend, 27 Safe, 28 Manager, 29 Amuse, 30 Rent, 31 Streets, 32 Stiled. Down: 3 Random, 5 Spades, 6 Devil, 8 Arises, 9 Trims, 12 Ruler, 13 Pact, 18 Ruse, 19 Urge, 20 Eked, 21 Desert, 22 Avers, 23 Untrue, 25 Roast, 26 Aware, 27 Dares.

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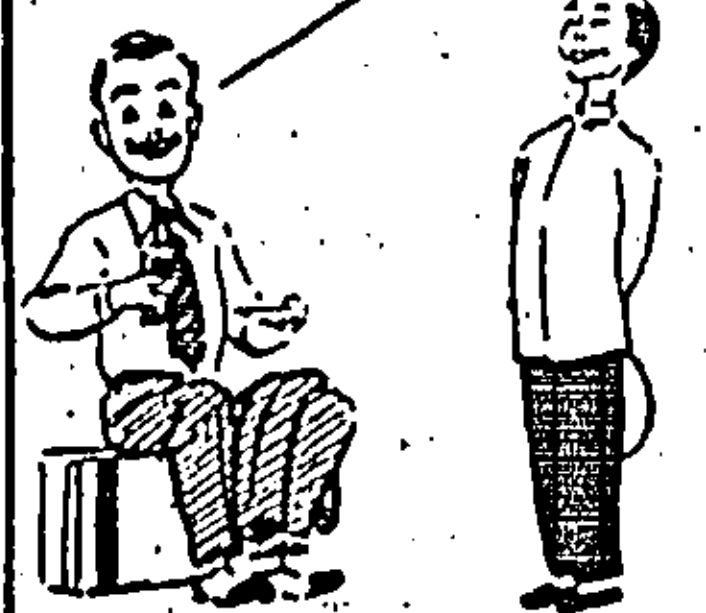
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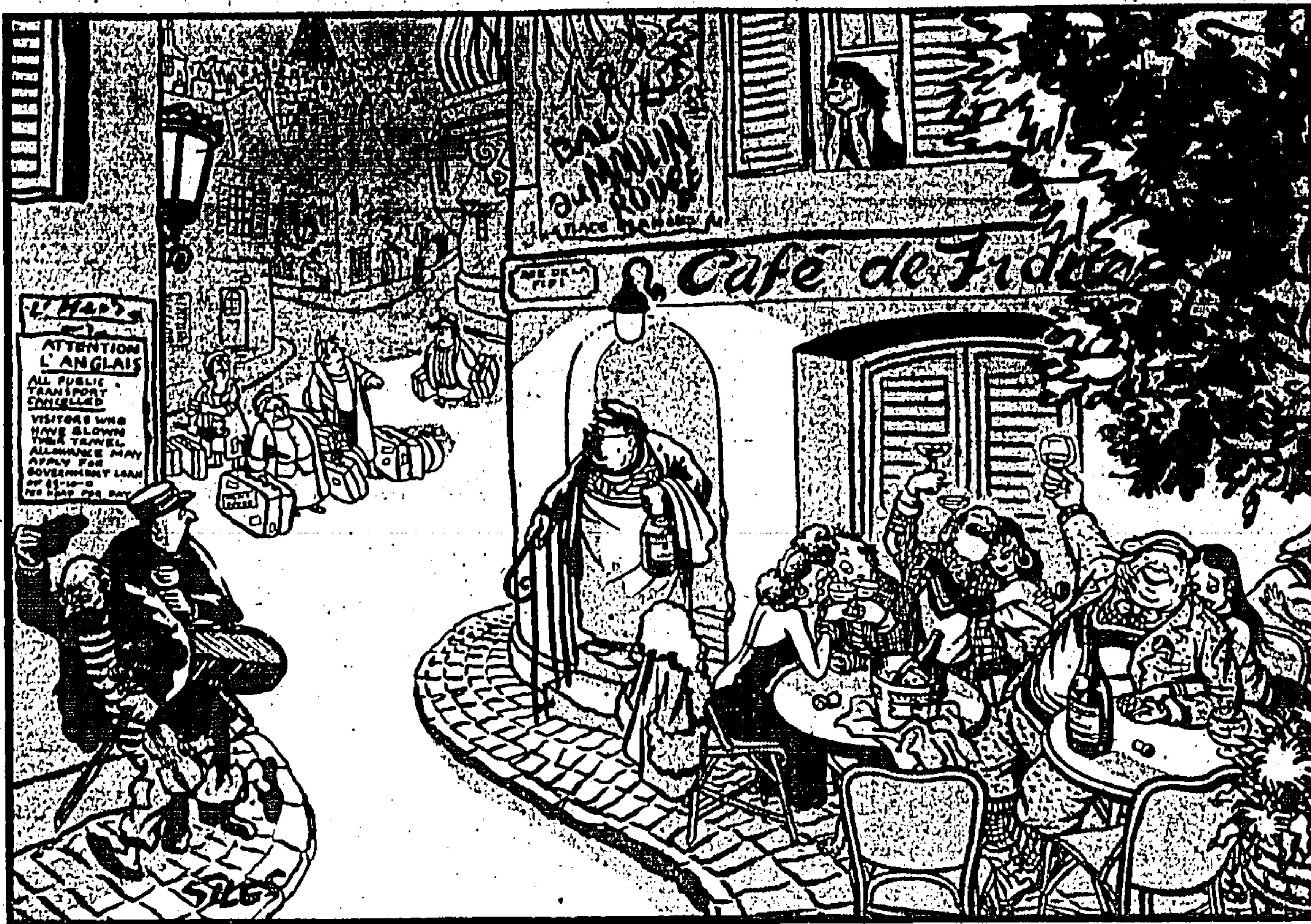
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An English tourist caught in the French rail strike

AFTER ALL—IT IS BETTER TO ARRIVE

By Richard Winnington

THE adventure started at 5 p.m. on a Tuesday when a youngish man faintly resembling Mischa Auer appeared outside the British Embassy in the Rue Faubourg St. Honore.

To the great disgust of the British consul the pavement had already taken on the look of a small railway station.

The sun beat down on the first untidy wave of stranded British travellers who had spent the day chasing mythical trains and buses to the coast. Most of them were short of money and had had little or no rest all day.

Hearts sank

This man had a lorry in which he was prepared to transport not fewer than 20 persons with baggage to Le Havre—cost 1,700 francs each. He swore that the normal service to Southampton left Le Havre that night. His information turned out to be more accurate than that offered by the British Embassy.

Within 30 minutes 21 of us had rammed into an unconvincing lorry, with a floor so high that to get in and out was in itself a feat of athletics. We sat on three wooden boxes and our luggage.

At the last minute the driver was joined by a fierce-looking little woman whose status was never disclosed.

No critics

At 5.30 p.m. the start was made and our hearts sank. For the lorry far exceeded in behaviour its eccentric appearance. To sit in the back, feet crushed in an immovable position, watching the road away sickeningly from side to side was to sample the rarest blend of terror and discomfort.

It gripped everybody in the lorry. As the hours passed the road got worse and the character of the

passengers began to emerge beneath the stress, fatigue and fear.

Having seen the British under aerial bombardment, I expected cheerfulness, co-operation and toleration. What I found less typical all the way through was the total absence of criticism of the French workers who had struck. In all the talk I heard it was generally conceded that it was the affair of the French workers anyway.

This lorry load, in any case, was a middle-section of the occasional British visitor to France; those two extremes of travellers, the organised tourists and the super-tourists (francophiles and fanatics) were unrepresented.

The first stop at a small cafe 40 kilos out started a small village war. The influx of unexpected trade confused the cook who brought inferior sandwiches of pate instead of pate maison, thus disgracing the house. As a result, what was obviously an old feud between the proprietress and the cook flared up.

Pro-British

Mavis, a girl from London who hated the French language and French food, caused disaster by asking me to order a pate sandwich and lemonade, and then decided to have the sandwiches without pate which she hated.

The proprietress took this as a deadly insult, threw the food on the floor and called her husband and the gendarme.

Forty minutes to patch this up with some financial loss was a brisk settlement for so serious a dispute.

Hungrier and more frightened than ever, when the lorry stalled on hills and began to slide backwards, we began to study the signposts. There could be no doubt—Mischa Auer

had lost his way and was on the wrong side of Rouen.

By 9 p.m. we had made much less than half the journey when a big end went, mercifully in the small village of Bourg-Beaudouin. The driver and the woman, beside themselves with emotion, raged and pleaded for their money.

The discussion went on until 11.30, the entire village populace bringing out chairs and entering actively into the disputation. Fortunately their attitude was unanimously pro-British.

Vanished

Forced by public opinion, Mischa Auer hitch-hiked to Rouen and found two German drivers of an ancient, embattled transcontinental motor coach. They arranged to split the take.

The arrival of the bus, without windows, and fitted with cane chairs as seats,

drew ironic cheers from the villagers, but the journey to Le Havre was fast and safe. The boat was missed by not more than two hours—next service probably in 48 hours.

At 4.30 a.m. in the Le Havre Customs shed the third and worst phase started. A few hours sleep on the Customs tables could be managed by the hardy, though it was noticeable that the two boys of the party fared no better than anyone else.

At 6 a.m. I abandoned all hope and played flower shops with the two small daughters of the young British writer who took an active part in organising the whole thing.

Soon afterwards two ultra-bright middle-class English housewives made a quick booking on an American liner to Southampton. Mavis and her friend Doll, whose presence in France I find inexplicable, had hitch-hiked a lift into Le Havre at the second village, without contributing a sou of their share of passage money. Ironically, they caught the boat that we all missed.

At Le Havre the brotherly bonds began to disintegrate. The Cockney chauffeur, the young Irish priest, the two schoolmasters and the two scouts (who

were more flummoxed by the crisis than the others) all disappeared without a word. It was *saute qui peut*.

As a last gesture of solidarity, we tried to strike a bargain with British Railways and the French line, but it fell through. In any case the French line fare for transport to Southampton was 25, including meals. This easily balanced with the refund due on the unused tickets.

But the habits of economy and endurance—had—become stabilised in the last ranks of these voyagers. It had become a challenge to see it out to the bitter end on the resources they possessed.

Kind words

Almost reluctantly I surrendered to the comforts of the cabin class of the French line's *Flendres*. With me was the 60-year-old Italian geologist, whose cheerfulness had never wavered and whose ability to talk any Frenchman under the table fills me with respect and envy.

Finally, at Southampton the British Railways representative succeeded in conveying assurance, competence and some interest in our well-being; all in about two sentences. They were the first kind words from officialdom for over 48 hours.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS the newspapers seem to be devoting a lot of space to animals during the silly season, this tiny little column will devote what space it has to animals too.

Among those mentioned in some correspondence about the Newfoundland dog who shared the family jokes and some pigs who drank the dregs of a elder cask and roared with happy laughter until they fell asleep.

Although the story of the laughing dog is new, those who live at the seaside will tell you there is nothing remarkable about laughing pigs. In the month of August thousands of them arrive by train, car, and motor-coach.

The badly brought up pigs buy cakes and oranges, leaving the bags and peel all over the front. They also wear jeans, and flowered shirts outside their

trousers, and have their bristles cut crew style, like the American pigs they have seen in the films.

In the evening, they drink deeply from the casks in local hostilities, and go laughing and singing along the beach making wolf calls to girl pigs, who make the night hideous with their hysterical laughter.

Better-off pigs, who stay at the best hotels, also laugh madly at nothing at all as they stand at bars dipping their blistered snouts into tankards, or holding little cocktail glasses in one hoof and a cigarette in the other.

During the day, these happy, uninhibited pigs wear open-necked shirts, and shorts displaying hairy hind legs, but in the evening they prefer to nuzzle in the trough wearing dinner jackets and neat bow ties.

Then, after dinner, like the calves pig in the song, they forget all about the Big Bad

Wolf (who may be the income tax collector), grunt loudly for more refreshment and cigars, and "dance with lady pigs."

Ace of Clubs

"Bill, a nine-year-old rough-haired English terrier belonging to Mr. Reginald Andrew, of Finchley, can count and play cards."

From the news. MR. AND MRS. X and their dog Rover were seated round the card table playing nap.

"Your call, Rover," said Mrs. X.

"Three," said Rover. "I'll go four," said Mrs. X. "I'll chance the lot," said Mr. X, putting down the King of Clubs. "Anybody got the ace?"

"Not me," said Mrs. X. "Rover said nothing." "All right," said Mr. X. "There's my hand."

THREE IN GOOD COMPANY

By WILLIAM BARKLEY

London. TWO worthy members I call upon me, two thoughtful citizens with a worry in their minds.

They are red-haired, forceful Mr. Proctor, a Hereford man and former railwayman; and grey-haired Mr. Awbery, former dock-worker and Mayor of Barry, with a merry Welsh twinkle in his eye.

They sit in the Socialist interest for Eccles and Central Bristol. And the worry in their minds is that Britain is losing her Colonies.

"Something must be done," said Mr. Proctor to Mr. Awbery, or it may have been Mr. Awbery to Mr. Proctor. For, like Tenzing and Hillary, they are not concerned who got there first. They are in this thing together. Hitherto, they say to me, British policy has been to develop the Colonies and Dependencies into Independent States. That policy was carried out in India. Today we see Prime Minister Nkrumah in the Gold Coast, as soon as he achieves self-government, pressing on to make his territory a sovereign, independent State. "Unless we do something like this," says Mr. Awbery, pointing to a considerable document in his hand, "we may lose the Colonies."

Closer Bond

The document is signed William Proctor and Stan Awbery. Mr. Proctor takes it up and says: "We must get a closer bond between Britain and the Colonies."

So the document takes the form of a motion on the Order-paper of the House. The whole relationship of the Colonial areas with this country, it declares, should be reviewed. The House (it goes on) considers that the true interests of the Colonial peoples and of ourselves can best be served by the creation of a close affinity among us.

The House therefore calls upon the Government to initiate a round table conference, representative of the Colonial and the United Kingdom peoples, to consider a variety of subjects—

1. The establishment of efficient and friendly government among us all;
2. The pooling of sovereignty for economic planning and defence;
3. The representation of the Colonial peoples in the Parliament at Westminster to consider all questions affecting us all.

Joint Plans

Other points for consideration are the immediate grant of free education—throughout—the Colonial area and joint plans for developing resources.

Mr. Proctor, with Mr. Awbery agreeing, says to me: "If we could bring together in a single sovereign assembly the 115 million people represented in the British Colonies and in Britain we could create a State which would be wide ranging, lasting, and administratively efficient. It could fit into a world system which contained a United Europe, America, and a Soviet system all based on peace."

It does not follow that the House will pass the Proctor-Awbery Plan.

Anyhow, in this plan of an Empire Parliament Messrs. Proctor and Awbery are not going on entirely by themselves. I insist on joining them. That makes three already agreed out of 115 million people, which is always a start. Anyone else like to come in?

"What's biting him?" asked Mr. X.

"Flea, I expect," said Mrs. X. "He usually gets a lot in the summer."

When they looked through the french windows, they saw Rover frantically burying something at the bottom of the garden.

"Bring it here, sir," called Mr. X.

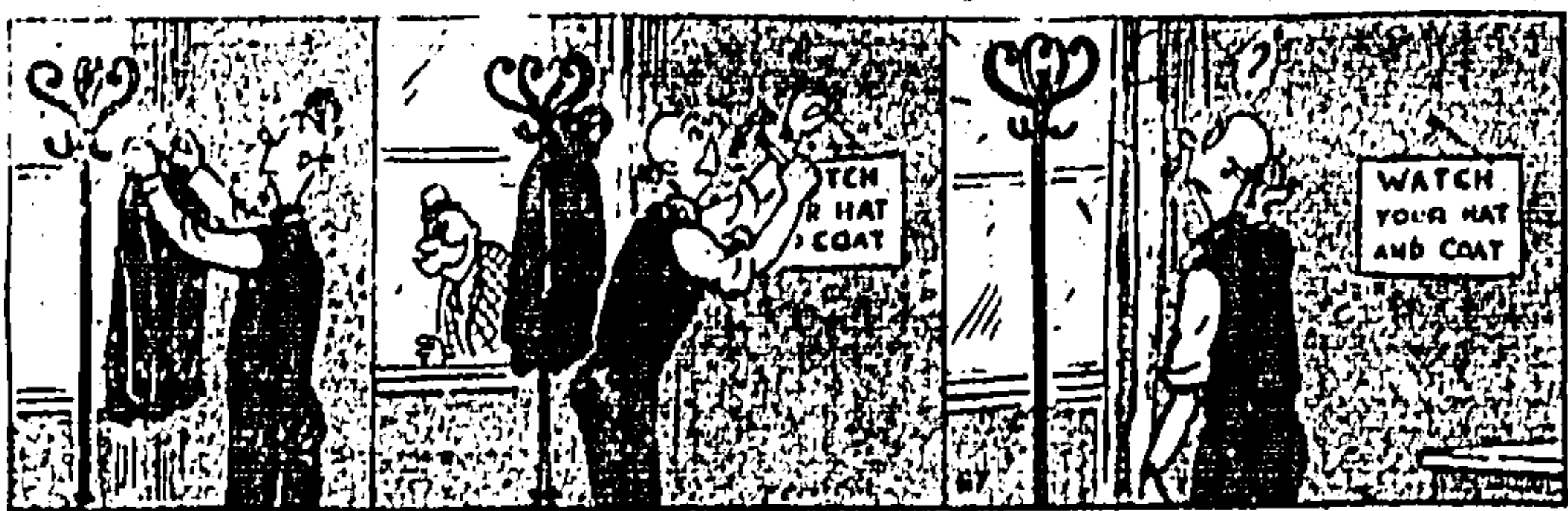
"At once, sir," called Mrs. X. Rover's tail was between his legs when he returned to the room, with one card in his mouth. Mrs. X took it from him. It was the Ace of Clubs.

"You're a very naughty dog," said Mrs. X.

"Spoiling a game like that," said Mr. X. "I couldn't bear to see you beaten by my Ace," said Rover. "Why?" asked Mr. X. "Because you're my friend," said Rover remember, said Mr. X, "that there are no friends in cards or business."

"Stop crying now, Rover, and eat your supper," said Mrs. X. (London Express Service)

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AN Italian sculptor has been sent to prison for making an enormous frog, with the face of the mayor, in his town, and leaving it in the mayor's garden. He should have called it "Dawn" or "Motherhood" and exhibited it in the ordinary way.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Follow This Rule For Good Defence

By ORWALD JACOBY

WHEN you are defending against a no-trump contract it is usually wise to keep hammering away at the same suit. This is a sound play for two reasons: first, it is the best way to set up your long suit; and second, it may cost you a trick in the first lead in a new suit. In today's hand East broke this rule and thus found the killing defence. It was partly a matter of logic, and partly a matter of working out declarer's probable holding for his jump to three no-trump. West opened the king of hearts, and East declared his intention of playing the nine. South properly refused this trick, and West continued with a low heart. When East put up the jack of hearts, South had to refuse again. He could take only eight tricks on the run, and knew that the opponents would surely beat him with the ten of spades and the rest of the hearts if he took the ace of hearts too quickly. After holding the second trick with the jack of hearts, East thought carefully about his next move.

NORTH		28
♠ KQJ84		
♥ 73		
♦ 954		
♣ J72		
WEST		
♠ 952		
♥ KQ1052		
♦ 8		
♣ K853		
EAST		
♠ A73		
♥ J94		
♦ 1062		
♣ Q964		
SOUTH (D)		
♠ 106		
♥ A86		
♦ AKQJ73		
♣ A10		
North-South vul.		
South	West	North
1♦	1♥	1♠
3NT	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥K		

move. It was clear that South had the ace of hearts. It was also clear that no defence could defeat the contract if South had all of the missing high cards. If South had less than all of the missing high cards, the only excuse for his jump to three no-trump could be his bad luck. In a short time, therefore, East managed to visualize the very sort of hand that South actually held. It was clear that a heart continuation would give declarer his contract. He could simply take the ace of hearts, run his diamonds, and then lead a spade. East would be able to take the ace of clubs, but nothing could then stop South from winning six diamonds, and one trick in each of the other suits. Instead of continuing the hearts, returning a club at the third trick, East found the killing defence by leading with the ace of spades. If South went up with the ace of clubs, the opponents would gain the lead with the ace of spades in time to cash the setting trick in clubs. If South played his ace of clubs, West could win with the king of clubs and return the suit. Either way, South could take his eight tricks but no more.

CARD SENSE

Q—With North-South vulnerable, the bidding has been: South 3 Bids, Double, East Pass. You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-3, Hearts K-J, Diamonds Q-7-2, A-J-10-6-2. What do you do? A—Bid three no-trump. This is a very strong hand, especially a take-out double of a three-bid. You will probably have a fine play for three no-trump, but not too good a play for game at clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-3, Hearts K-J, Diamonds 6-7-2, Club K-J-10-8-2. What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HER LINE?

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Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation. (Solution on Page 10)



Grab that ball and throw it, quick!

And here is a question for the Gallup poll people: Which would you rather be, an enormous frog with the face of a mayor or an enormous mayor with the face of a frog? It is, I can safely say, a matter of indifference to me which you choose.

Pink shoe-soles for television

A WOMAN who thinks that foot-wear should not be regarded as footwear but "as an emotional outlet" points out that somebody in a party of television-watchers may occasionally allow his eyes to stray from the screen. That is the moment when he waits to see the lady in pink shoes in the ordinary dress of society, presumably the lady who is to receive the leading role in the play. As a sociologist remarked, "A sewage-worker in high-length kid gloves with bright yellow shoes is making the more colourful and glamorous."

Memories of the Turf

SOME years ago Captain Foul-weather, under the name of John Gadget, entered a horse named Sunflower Sam, under the name of Danson Pie for race at Newmarket. Before the race there was a switch, and Foul-weather was substituted for Sunflower Sam, and Danson Pie. A horse entered as Danson Pie won the race, and was discovered to be a horse named Foul-weather. Foul-weather was then substituted for Danson Pie, and the race was run. Foul-weather won the race, and the race was run. Foul-weather won the race, and the race was run.

How true!

1,700 reading lights have been torn down from newspapers in Midland, and in the last four weeks. What is one to say?

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Suet on coal

C day that the object of importing coal is to close the gap between the amount of coal we export and the falling output figures. Asked if it would not be easier to re-import this coal, Suet said that this would upset the balanced economy of the coal situation.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

BORN today, you have a tremendous amount of physical energy and you are interested in everything you do. Your enthusiasm are high and you are ambitious. You want success and plan to have it. You are very old. A born leader, your executive powers make it easy for you to command others. You are, however, the type who usually knows in his heart that in an emergency you can pull it in and make it work just as hard as anyone else.

There is one side of your character that may impede your success. You are inclined to stay too many projects at one time, thus scattering the impact of concentrated force toward some single objective. If you will learn to finish one job before starting another, you will find that in the long run your progress will be faster.

Although you have a strong emotional nature, you are not commutative, and rarely, if ever, show your true feelings. It may take you a long time to find the person with whom you want to share your life, but once you have made your choice it is forever. Generous and especially with members of your own family, you may need to learn to be more of a disciplinarian with your children. Members of the fair sex are splendid home-makers and indulgent mothers. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

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CAKE-CUTTING



Len Hutton and Lindsay Hassett, the English and Australian captains, cutting the cake at the party at the Oval which followed the final Test which saw England win back the Ashes. — Central Press Photo.

ANOTHER BIG KILL FOR G.C. NORMAN

By "TOUCHER"

G. C. Norman of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who had already in an earlier round eliminated former Champion W. Hong Sling, made another big kill yesterday when he defeated the 1949 winner, J. A. Luz by 22-16 in the quarter-finals of the Colony Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship.

Finding his touch from the opening head, Norman surprised the large gallery of spectators by jumping to a 6-0 lead after three ends.

Although Luz managed to open his scoring with a single on the 4th head, Norman maintained his six-shot lead on the next head with a single. Luz gradually found his length and green and settled down to come consistent bowling. He crept up to 8-7 on the

next three heads and after being held at 8-8 went on to score six shots on another three heads to lead by 14-9. At the end of the 18th head, Luz still held an appreciable margin of lead of 16-12.

Norman's grand fighting qualities were evident at this stage when he staged a magnificent recovery, scoring a two, a four and two more successive twos to win the match by 22-16 in a whirlwind finish.

Commonwealth Team To Tour India

London, Aug. 25. — Mr. Pankaj Gupta, representative of the Indian Cricket Board, told Reuter today that he was leaving here for India tomorrow after finalising arrangements for the Commonwealth team's tour later this year.

He said the side would be made up of 16 players, including Ben Barnett, former Australian Test wicket-keeper, who had accepted the captaincy. Mr. Gupta would not disclose the names of the other players to make the tour, stating that they would have to come from the Indian Board.

He added, however, that two players would join the side from Australia and that two West Indies players in the side would fly from India to Jamaica at the end of December in order to be available for play against the MCC touring team.—Reuter.

BOOBYER MAY PLAY AGAIN AT TWICKENHAM

London, Aug. 25. Brian Boobyer, the English Rugby Union International who has not played in Britain since he toured the Far East with Oxford University last year, may be out at Twickenham here next month.

His old club Rosslyn Park hope to bring him from Switzerland where he is now living to play in a match arranged to celebrate their 75th season. The game between Rosslyn Park and an international side will be held at Twickenham on September 3. Boobyer played on in Japan for the Oxford Group Movement after the University's rugby tour had ended last year.

THE SCORES

Colony Open Singles Quarter-finals
G. C. Norman beat J. A. Luz, 22-16.
C. C. Pereira beat A. V. Hirocock, 23-14.
C. H. Gough beat J. Chubb, 21-10.

Stadium Estimate Too High

The estimate of 3,000 spectators given yesterday as the capacity of the Major stadium at the Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre appears to have been a little optimistic. An official of the Children's Playground Association said this morning that the stadium can seat approximately 2,500 spectators.

V-DAY AT THE OVAL

When The Happy Warrior Acknowledged Defeat

By PETER LOVEGROVE

I can remember tearing across that hallowed turf in the shadow of the most famous gasometer in the world, clutching a satchel and a bottle of lemonade and losing my school cap in the process, one memorable day in August, 1926, to try to reach the pavilion rails before several thousand same-minded spectators and cheer my heroes into the pavilion. George Geary had just bowled A. A. Mailey, and England had won the Fifth Test Match at the Oval and regained the mythical Ashes after 14 lean years.

Twenty-seven years later, almost to the day, I negotiated the low stone fence at the Vauxhall end of the ground with understandable care, jumped on to the springy turf and, clutching my brief case, joined the human sea which surged irresistibly round Hassett's men as they made for the safety of the pavilion and completely engulfed Bill Edrich and Denis Compton.

Denis had just hooked the spilt over the ground. In a trice the thick grass disappeared under a carpet of humanity, which hugged Compton and Edrich, thumped the Australians and even the two umpires on the back, and clamoured for Len Hutton. The great Yorkshireman, who has been so many triumphs at the Oval, appeared on the balcony, then brought on his victorious team, and lastly his rival captain, who was introduced as "the happy warrior". Hassett, in a neat little speech, said that there was no doubt England had earned this victory from the very first ball—"to the next to last over at any rate," referring to his bowling.

"This series has been wonderful fun," he went on, and there has not been one incident out of place." He congratulated the Oval crowd on its very sporting demonstration, and warned: "We'll be waiting for you in Australia in a couple of years' time."

The crowd also wanted a speech from Alec Bedser, Surrey's record-breaking bowler, but that modest giant bashfully slipped away. One by one the players went in to their cake, champagne and cigars, and we went our several ways back into the anonymity of the metropolis.

Well played, England. Well done, all the men who played at the Oval, and all those who were spilled over the ground. In a trice the thick grass disappeared under a carpet of humanity, which hugged Compton and Edrich, thumped the Australians and even the two umpires on the back, and clamoured for Len Hutton. The great Yorkshireman, who has been so many triumphs at the Oval, appeared on the balcony, then brought on his victorious team, and lastly his rival captain, who was introduced as "the happy warrior". Hassett, in a neat little speech, said that there was no doubt England had earned this victory from the very first ball—"to the next to last over at any rate," referring to his bowling.



"How many T's in Hutton?"

BOOM IN BOATS IS GROWING IN BRITAIN

It's a boom that is growing in Britain; a boom that is cheap and healthy, a holiday boom that links one with the lapping of the water and the "Wind in the Willows". It is the boom in boats.

For, Britain is today adopting, on a national scale, the idea that there's nothing so well worthwhile as messing about in a boat.

And this idea embraces every type of craft—diggins, rowing boats, converted ex-military launch, motor launch, collapsible canoes, canvas punts, and portable kayaks among them.

Owner-skipper have actually built—or at any rate assembled their "Saucy Sue" or "Gaiety Girl" in their own backyards or garages.

Often, these suburban premises serve as boatyard; the boats themselves are loaded on to trailers and when holiday time arrives, hauled riverwards or seawards behind the family saloon.

One factor responsible for popularising family fun on the water has undoubtedly been the outboard motor, disposing of the need of muscles for motive power.

Clung along meekly on a shaft of petrol, these stout little engines can push along anything from a puny dinghy up to a sixteen-footer, though the latter size usually boasts a proper in-board marine motor.

HOME-FROM-HOME

With Father at the wheel and Mother in charge of the paraffin or cylinder-gas galley, a sixteen-foot cabin cruiser makes a veritable home-from-home, and can certainly be fitted up as comfortably as many a luxury one-room flat.

Most newcomers to yachting prefer oil instead of paraffin as a means of propulsion. For they are better "able" to handle a motor than set sails. And main-mast comes more easily to them. One who has "become" a car or a motor-cycle is not worried when it comes to tinkering with a simple engine. Fewer would be happy about rigging a sailing yacht or patching up her suit of sails.

SIMPLE BUT LOGICAL

Why has wandering on the water become so suddenly popular? The answer most devotees will give is simple, but logical. Once you've chat off the daily round does not exist until you choose to return.

Workday headaches and cares are left behind on the slipway. You're only the problems of navigation—themselves a chal-

THE MEN WHO WON THE ASHES



The England XI in the fifth and final Test against the Australians at the Oval.
Back row (left to right): Trevor Bailey, Peter May, Tom Graveney, Jim Laker, Tony Lock, John Wardle and Freddie Trueman.
Front row (left to right): Bill Edrich, Alec Bedser, Len Hutton, Denis Compton and Geoffrey Evans.—Central Press Photo.

Bring Out Those Soccer Babes

Says DESMOND HACKETT

The football managers, bless their greying hairs, change but little from season to season. Here they are again, most of 'em complaining they cannot afford a lick of paint to brighten up the ground.

And once again there is but little done to make the cash customer a shade more comfortable. No money, they say.

But yocks and tally-ho! There they were, paying the cash they say they haven't got, trying to buy Laurie Reilly of Albion and Scotland, or maybe it should be Laurie, considering that £30,000 tag.

Managers try to tell me: "Got to buy, old man, can't afford to risk playing the youngsters." Funny thing that these same Soccer Solomons who are prepared to gamble £30,000 on one player, who may not fit into the pattern of their play anyway, reckon their home-made talent is not worth a chance.

STAR AT 10
Gosh! What about your Tommy Lawton League star at 10; Nat Lofthouse, first-teamer at 15; and Jimmy Mullen, League man at 17? And those tremendous teenagers Stanley Matthews and Freddie Steele?

Major Frank Buckley, remember, became the finest of the modern managers because he put the emphasis on youth.

There are still plenty of smart boys around if the managers will put them into their League teams and their cheque books back into the old oak chest.

Why, it was only last Saturday week that Arsenal fans cheered two 16-year-old wingboys in the final trial game. Highly confident outside left Jerry Ward was almost impudent the way he nipped slickly past Alex Forbes and Joe Wade.

Daniel Robert Clapton, a Hackney lad, signed up three weeks ago, did not look out of class as outside right to football-fighting St. Jimmy Loric.

REMEMBER
Just a couple of names from the Arsenal high-class register of schoolboy internationals. But remember those names, Ward and Clapton.

Chelsea, who may have a problem spot at centre half, have a braw Scots laddie, 5ft. 11in. Roy Cunningham, schoolboy international captain last season, just longing for a League chance.

The Chelsea faithful too talk of the bright promise of Welsh schoolboy star, 15-year-old outside right Colin Court.

And of all things, Chelsea have a Compton, 15-year-old wing-half John from Dagenham, who it is reckoned, will live up to the Compton tradition—but with Chelsea.

No new talent, mean so many. Nonsense, say Spurs, and from their recruits think promotion is due this season for left-half Ernest Walley from North Wales, and left-back Melvyn Hopkins from the Soccer-riched valleys of the Rhondda.

SMART BOYS
Wolves' chief, Stan Cullis, keeps up the club tradition with

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BIG TIME TENNIS IS DYING IN THE U.S.

New York, Aug. 25. It's possible that big time tennis is 'dying' in the United States, although the experts disagree on that.

This much is indisputable—the USA has not had a world beater in tennis since Jack Kramer, and it has none in sight. For any other country, there would be nothing alarming in that, since world beaters don't grow on trees as a regular crop.

The United States, however, has had a steady stream of top players, starting with Bill Tilden and continuing through Elsie Vines, Don Budge and Jack Kramer. It just seems normal for America to have a great star.

Lacking this great star (professionalism contributed to the lack by taking Pancho Gonzales back after it lured Kramer), the USA lost the Davis Cup to Australia.

It might be argued that without the pro raids, America might still be on top with Kramer and Gonzales, and there would be no talk of lack of talent.

But it must be noted that the pro got Dizzy Pails, and then Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor from Australia, and the Aussies still are dominant, with prospects that Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall and Mervyn Rose will continue that dominance as long as they stay amateur. The USA has no one to match them.

TWO TOURNAMENTS LESS
Those who see a decline in American tennis note that

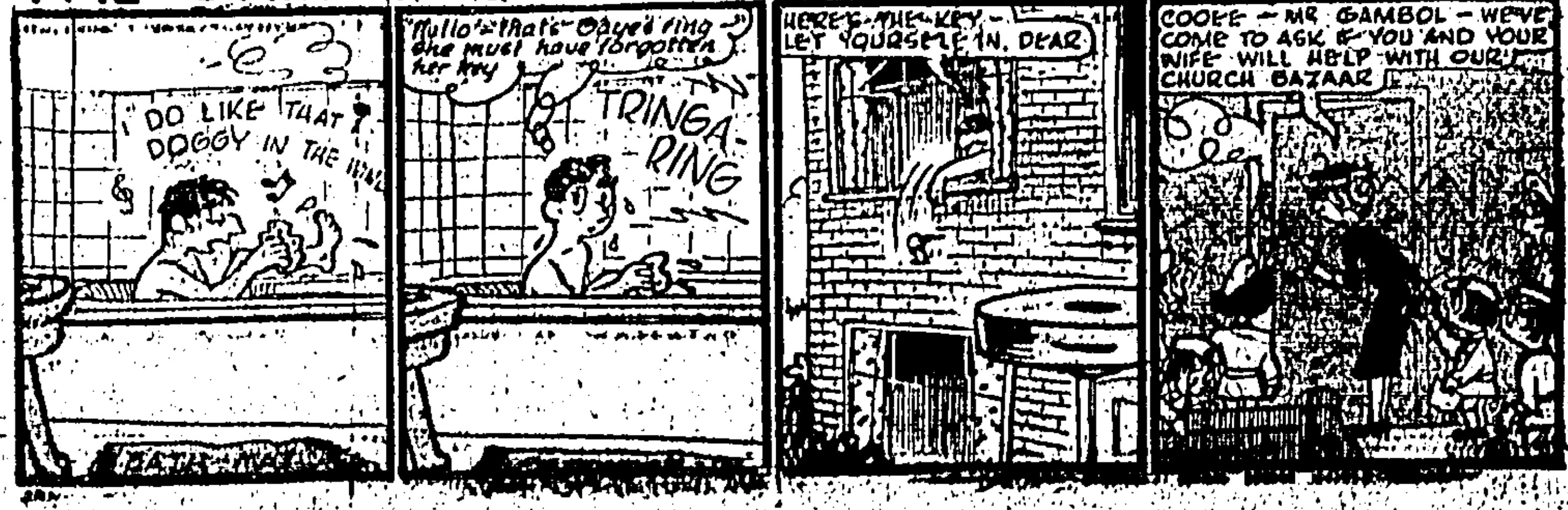
Seabright gave up its grass courts a few years ago, and that Southampton reduced its tourney this year to the status of a minor week-end affair. In previous years, these were two of the best of the American grass courts tourneys.

If one or two more of the big invitational club tournaments gave up, there will be very little grass court action left on the schedule, except Forest Hills. And one grass court tournament per year is poor preparation for the Davis Cup.

Those who think that tennis is as healthy as ever note that this year's eastern tournaments—Spring Lake, the Pennsylvania Grass Courts, the Middle Atlantic Championships and Eastern Grass Courts—have a record or near-record attendance.

Big attendance at some of these tourneys was due to public interest in the touring Australians, Hoad, Rosewall and Rose. Those who think that tennis is on the decline wonder if the attendance will continue good in the Americans continue to lose in the "next" few years.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLE



SURREY BEAT MIDDLESEX TO LEAD THE FIELD BY EIGHT POINTS

London, Aug. 25. Surrey greatly improved their chances of retaining the English County Cricket Championship when they defeated Middlesex, one of their closest rivals, at the Oval today.

Their win, by 135 runs, put Surrey back on top of the table with an eight points lead over the field.

Leicestershire, leaders last week-end, failed to salvage a point from their visit to Nottingham and are now sharing second place with Sussex, who may prove to be Surrey's most dangerous rivals on the final lap.

Middlesex are fourth, ten points behind Surrey.

Surrey had to make only 17 runs today to beat Gloucestershire, and after 20 minutes' play they won by ten wickets.

They have two more matches to play, compared with three for Surrey, but so much will depend on the game between these two Counties at Hove on Saturday that Lancashire too have an outside chance of honours.

The Manchester weather, however, robbed Lancashire of the chance to gain any points at the expense of Kent. Less than two hours' play was possible in this match, while at Exeter not a ball could be bowled in the game between Derbyshire and Essex.

Positions at the top of the table after today's games were:

Surrey 25

Sussex 20

Leicestershire 27

Middlesex 25

Lancashire 25

Gloucestershire 27

Nottinghamshire 27

Warwickshire 27

Derbyshire 27

Essex 27

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(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$255,000.00. Near quotations and the morning's transactions.

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Rome, Aug. 25. Italian shipbuilders, who have already brought the total tonnage of Italy's merchant fleet back to pre-war level, are struggling to reach a total of four million tons within the next two years.

They had to start almost from scratch in 1945, after losing most of their merchant ships in World War II. They were also faced with the need to reconstruct war-damaged ports and shipyards, and to enlist new technicians, many of whom had been dispersed during the war.

By the end of 1952, all the regular services of the established steamship companies had been resumed, and there are now 63 private companies operating compared with about 30 before the war.

But the bulk of Italy's merchant traffic is carried by four principal State-subsidised companies, Italia, Lloyd Triestino, Adriatica and Tirrenia. Those are known as the Finmare Group. Italia operates on the Atlantic routes to the Americas, with such fast and modern vessels as the Saturnia and Vulcania (each 24,500 tons), and the turbine-engined Andrea Doria (30,000 tons).

A ship in which Italia puts great faith for the future and which will join the Andrea Doria next year, is the recently launched Cristoforo Colombo, now being fitted at Genoa, birthplace of the sailor who discovered America.

Two older turbine vessels, the 24,000-ton Conte Grande and Conte Biancamano, serve South America in company with the sister ships Augustus and Giulio Cesare, both 27,000-ton motor vessels. The Caesars were completed in 1950, while the Conte ships were modernised after the war, having been built in 1921.

Lloyd Triestino serves Asia, Africa and Australia. Its fleet of motor vessels—the 11,000-ton Victoria, the 11,400-ton sister ships Africa and Europa, and the 13,000-ton Australia, Oceania and Neptunia—were all completed in 1951. Two similar liners, the Mexicana and Cuernavaca, 13,200 tons, and only two years old, supply Adriatic with the Eastern Mediterranean service.

Their older sister, built in 1941, is the Speria (9,000 tons), which was re-equipped as a luxury liner after being sunk by the Allies and salvaged in 1947. She now plies between Italy and Egypt.

MOTOR VESSELS
The last company in Finmare group is Tirrenia, which serves North Africa, the Central Mediterranean and Northern Europe—with a fleet of five modern 5,000-ton ships, all completed between 1950 and 1952. They are the motor vessels Sardegna, Sicilia, Lazio, Campania, Edda, and Cavour.

Finmare operates on 46 lines as compared with the 80 State-controlled lines of the pre-war period. But there is the increased activity of private companies to be taken into account, and the fact that State subsidised operators run many more auxiliary services than before the war.

In a recent report on the activities of private shipbuilders a plea was made for more private enterprise as the "real motive force" of Italy's merchant marine.

Whether by State or private initiative, Italian shipbuilders have made tremendous advances since the end of the war. They now have 1,003 ships of over 100 tons, with a total tonnage of 3,405,427, or nearly 100,000 more than in 1939. The greatest increase, which shows the direction of Italian commercial ambitions, is in the number of tankers.

In 1939, there were 107 tankers with a gross tonnage of 420,827. Today, there are 160, with a gross tonnage of 780,715, and more are being launched every month.

A TARGET
The tonnage of passenger cargo ships has failed to reach the pre-war level of 215 vessels totalling 1,095,329 gross tons, by 48,471 tons, while purely cargo ships have passed the pre-war figure by 235,055 tons. All these figures relate to the period between 1939 and the end of 1952.

A special ministerial committee entrusted with national economic planning recently laid down a target of 4,000,000 tons of new shipping in the next five years, to be achieved with Government help. But the Association of Italian Shipbuilders greeted the proposal dubiously. They claimed that attention must now be concentrated on the problem of laying by capital reserves for reconstruction and re-equipment. In support of their argument, they declared that the present merchant fleet includes 385 cargo ships, representing

Jap Chemicals For Red China

Tokyo, Aug. 25. During the period January to July this year, \$205,800 worth of chemical products were authorized for export to Communist China in barter transactions, according to 1944 figures. Phosphate of lime topped the list followed by soda ash and dyestuffs.

TRAMP FREIGHT RATES

London, Aug. 25. As previously indicated, the U.K. Chamber of Shipping's Index Figure of Freight rates for tramp steamers for July has been based on the average for 1952 of 100 per cent against 1948 previously. The weighting of various trades have been revised and new routes included in order to give a more up-to-date reflection of the tramp shipping market. The new figure for July at 75.8 shows a slight increase on the revised figure for June on the new basis of 73.8 compared with 65.3 on the old basis. In order to make future comparison the Chamber gave revised figures for the first six months of this year as follows: January onward 79.3, 60.0, 83.2, 85.6, 82.2 and 73.8.

The fact that the index is based entirely on actual fixtures, however, still tends to give a somewhat different picture of the market than actually occurred, for although the index shows a gain of two points on the month, it would be hard to find any trades where actual improvements over June were secured. The reason for this is the time lag between fixtures and the incorporation of business rates, which, although normally below, that which would have been secured in June, showed slightly favourable in the average rate secured for that particular voyage in 1952.

In those trades that are regularly active declines were registered for coal from Hampton Roads to Antwerp or Rotterdam, which averaged around 20s. 6d. against 30s. 0d. in June, heavy grain from the River Plate to Antwerp at 65s. 0d. against 72s. 0d. also from the North Pacific to UK at 65s. 0d. against 70s. 0d. and sugar from Cuba to the UK at 65s. 0d. against 68s. 0d.—China Mail Special.

Advocates More Trade With Japan

Washington, Aug. 25. Philippine imports from Japan were second only to those from the United States before World War II and their full resumption would help the Philippine economy today, said Senator Francisco Delgado of the Philippines, today.

The Senator made the appraisal of Filipino-Japanese relations by pointing out that Japan had already agreed to two of the three conditions set for the Philippines for the initiation of negotiations, and that only the payment of the financial reparations was left outstanding. The points to which Japan has agreed to at the time when he discussed the matter with high officials in Tokyo, the Senator said, were as follows:

1. The kind of reparations in goods and services; and
2. the time span in which the reparations would be paid.

The Senator said he had suggested that the Philippines were ready to accept one billion dollars in contrast to an earlier estimate of eight billion dollars. Diplomatic circles here at that time regarded the figure as being high, and said that Japan seemed to be in no position to meet it. Implying that the Philippines would possibly agree to a lower sum, Senator Delgado stressed that Japan should say what in their opinion they are able to pay, that would give a basis for negotiation.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Aug. 25. The tin market was steady. Spot gained to 2,008 1/2 and three-months tin rose the same amount to 1,603 1/2 per long ton. Turnover was 50 tons. Closing prices were: 100 lb. 2,008 1/2, 250 lb. 1,603 1/2, 500 lb. 1,208 1/2, 1,000 lb. 808 1/2, 2,000 lb. 408 1/2, 4,000 lb. 208 1/2, 8,000 lb. 108 1/2, 16,000 lb. 8 1/2, 32,000 lb. 4 1/2, 64,000 lb. 2 1/2, 128,000 lb. 1 1/2, 256,000 lb. 3/4, 512,000 lb. 1/2, 1,024,000 lb. 1/4, 2,048,000 lb. 1/8, 4,096,000 lb. 1/16, 8,192,000 lb. 1/32, 16,384,000 lb. 1/64, 32,768,000 lb. 1/128, 65,536,000 lb. 1/256, 131,072,000 lb. 1/512, 262,144,000 lb. 1/1024, 524,288,000 lb. 1/2048, 1,048,576,000 lb. 1/4096, 2,097,152,000 lb. 1/8192, 4,194,304,000 lb. 1/16384, 8,388,608,000 lb. 1/32768, 16,777,216,000 lb. 1/65536, 33,554,432,000 lb. 1/131072, 67,108,864,000 lb. 1/262144, 134,217,728,000 lb. 1/524288, 268,435,456,000 lb. 1/1048576, 536,870,912,000 lb. 1/2097152, 1,073,741,824,000 lb. 1/4194304, 2,147,483,648,000 lb. 1/8388608, 4,294,967,296,000 lb. 1/16777216, 8,589,934,592,000 lb. 1/33554432, 17,179,869,184,000 lb. 1/67108864, 34,359,738,368,000 lb. 1/134217728, 68,719,476,736,000 lb. 1/268435456, 137,438,953,472,000 lb. 1/536870912, 274,877,906,944,000 lb. 1/1073741824, 549,755,813,888,000 lb. 1/2147483648, 1,099,511,627,776,000 lb. 1/4294967296, 2,199,023,255,552,000 lb. 1/8589934592, 4,398,046,511,104,000 lb. 1/17179869184, 8,796,093,022,208,000 lb. 1/34359738368, 17,592,186,044,416,000 lb. 1/68719476736, 35,184,372,088,832,000 lb. 1/137438953472, 70,368,744,177,664,000 lb. 1/274877906944, 140,737,488,355,328,000 lb. 1/549755813888, 281,474,976,710,656,000 lb. 1/1099511627763, 562,949,953,421,312,000 lb. 1/2199023255526, 1,125,899,906,842,624,000 lb. 1/4398046511053, 2,251,799,813,685,248,000 lb. 1/8796093022106, 4,503,599,627,370,496,000 lb. 1/17592186044213, 9,007,199,254,740,992,000 lb. 1/35184372088426, 18,014,398,509,481,984,000 lb. 1/70368744176853, 36,028,797,018,963,968,000 lb. 1/140737488353706, 72,057,594,037,927,936,000 lb. 1/281474976707413, 144,115,188,075,855,872,000 lb. 1/562949953414826, 288,230,376,151,711,744,000 lb. 1/1125899906829653, 576,460,752,303,423,488,000 lb. 1/2251799813659306, 1,152,921,504,606,846,976,000 lb. 1/4503599627318613, 2,305,843,009,213,693,952,000 lb. 1/9007199254637226, 4,611,686,018,427,387,904,000 lb. 1/18014398509274453, 9,223,372,036,854,775,808,000 lb. 1/36028797018548906, 18,446,744,073,709,551,616,000 lb. 1/72057594037097813, 36,893,488,147,419,103,232,000 lb. 1/144115188074195626, 73,786,976,294,838,206,464,000 lb. 1/288230376148391253, 147,573,952,589,676,412,928,000 lb. 1/576460752296782506, 295,147,905,179,352,825,856,000 lb. 1/1152921504593565013, 590,295,810,358,705,651,712,000 lb. 1/2305843009187130026, 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424,000 lb. 1/4611686018374260053, 2,361,183,241,434,822,606,848,000 lb. 1/9223372036748520106, 4,722,366,482,869,645,213,696,000 lb. 1/18446744073497040213, 9,444,732,965,739,290,427,392,000 lb. 1/36893488146994080426, 18,889,465,931,478,580,854,784,000 lb. 1/73786976293988160853, 37,778,931,862,957,161,709,568,000 lb. 1/147573952587976321706, 75,557,863,725,914,323,419,136,000 lb. 1/295147905175952643413, 151,115,727,451,828,646,838,272,000 lb. 1/590295810351905286826, 302,231,454,903,6

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Because A Foreman Was Frank

COLIN is a sad young man, drooping, pale, listless, who, at 17½, has perhaps been too kindly cushioned against adversity, to be able to fend very well for himself.

His home is in the Midlands, and there, when he left school, he went to work. He got a job in the building trade and brought home a pay-pocket each Friday that had £6 14s. in it. For one so young he seemed to be doing well.

He was not happy in his work, though. He does not look of the build to be a bricklayer's labourer, which was what he was, and he would be ragged for that, for his lack of muscle; also the foreman spoke to him sometimes in terms less gentle than those he was used to at home.

The other day, Colin quit working, threw in his hand and went home to recover. He chose the time well. His mother, who might have demurred at his decision, was on holiday. His sister was keeping house, and he knew how to deal with any objections she might raise.

One morning as he mooched about his home town, he met a kindred spirit, a youth two years older who was also at a loose-end. This young man, whose name was Cyril, was an absentee from the Navy, though he did not mention this to Colin.

"Why don't we go up to London," Cyril said, shortly after the two had met, "we could have fun in London, how much money you got?"

Each emptied their pockets. Between them they had £2. "Let's go," they said, but before they headed south, Colin called in on his sister, and told her he thought he would spend a night or two away from home and visit a cousin who lived on the coast. The girl reached London in the early afternoon, with most of the £2 still intact. They began to spend their money on pitiable and other Metropolitan delights.

By early evening they had only a shilling or two left, and had no friends to call to the rescue. They shuffled about the West End and envied those with money to spend, and they began to grow hungry. They were almost glad when a policeman stopped them and began to ask questions.

The policeman quickly found that Cyril was a naval absentee, and he was arrested. "As to you," he said to Colin, "there's a hostel at such and such a place, you'd better go there; you can't wander around all night."

"I'll wander around as much as I please," said Colin, who did not like to be told what to do. He next found himself arrested for wandering abroad and lodging in the open air. He spent the night in a cell, and in the morning pleaded guilty to the charge before Mr. Paul Bennett, VC.

Cyril also appeared in court, and pleaded guilty to being an absentee from his ship. He was remanded to await a naval escort.

"As he's a sailor I can't give a reward to the officer who arrested him," can't I?" inquired Mr. Bennett, and was told he could not. Policemen who arrest deserters from the Army can be given rewards of 5s. or 10s. for getting their men.

Colin was brought into the dock and his story was told by the police and by Mr. Charles Morgan, the probation officer, who had talked to him.

"You left your job because you couldn't get on with the foreman, did you?" Mr. Bennett said to Colin, "I suppose he ordered you about."

India And The Korean Political Conference

Much Coming & Going Over Issue At UN Headquarters

New York, Aug. 25. The 16 nations with troops in Korea were called into private meeting at United Nations Headquarters today reportedly to agree on how they should vote on the various resolutions before the General Assembly's Political Committee on the Korean peace conference.

Membership of India in the conference, proposed by Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and opposed by the United States, has become the most crucial difference in the Western powers approach to the setting up of the political conference.

A Leading British Atom Expert Loses Job

London, Aug. 25. Russian-born atom scientist, Dr Boris Davison has been removed from his £35-a-week job at Harwell atomic centre.

The Cabinet has ruled that because Davison's parents are still in Russia he must be barred from further access to atom secrets.

MIS security men found no evidence against Davison, but they have ruled him a "security risk" because he might be black-mailed by Red agents—the black-mal consisting of threats to his relatives.

So, after 11-years in secret atom projects he has been transferred on a year's compulsory leave of absence to Birmingham University where he will do research in the laboratory of Professor Rudolf Peierls, the ex-German atom scientist.

Meanwhile Dr Davison has promised to continue showing the security authorities all the letters he writes to his parents and those he gets from them.

Dr Davison was born in Tsarist Russia, his father being British, his mother Russian. He decided to remain British and left the Soviet before the last war.

Dr Davison has been screened several times, especially after the conviction of Klaus Fuchs as a Russian spy. He had worked with Fuchs.

Although the United States atomic authorities had been told about Davison's plight they did not press for his removal, but the Cabinet feared if he kept his job, extreme anti-Communists in America might use the fact as "proof" that British security is bad. That might ruin negotiations now in progress to widen the interchange of atom secrets between Britain and America—London Express Service.

Freighter's Hold Leaking

Singapore, Aug. 26. The 9,000-ton Panamanian freighter Calygera, leaking in her number six hold, was heading for Singapore today after 10 days on a sand-bank in the Straits of Malacca.

She was bringing salt from Italy to Japan. Nine hundred tons of her salt cargo had been dumped into the sea when a storm battered her while on the sand-bank. Another 1,000 tons was taken off in lighters.

At the same time the Asian-African group met to discuss their strategy particularly in regard to the announcement by a United States spokesman that the American delegation would vote against the inclusion of the Moroccan question in the Security Council agenda when the matter comes before the Council tomorrow.

An Asian source alleged that the United States decision to vote against inclusion of the Moroccan question was taken after it had received an assurance from France that France would abstain on the question of Indian participation in the Korean peace conference.

CAUSES REGRET The widening rift between the Western powers over the question of India has caused a good deal of regret in responsible United Nations circles.

A usually reliable informant is that surely much of, if not all, the bitterness might have been avoided if the United States and Britain had got together on the issue earlier and in private.

Indian delegation sources say they are mystified by the size and tenor of the dispute which now rages around their heads. A reliable informant said that Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, "let it be known to the Asian-African group of nations yesterday that he would be willing to meet them and speak to them on the United States attitude about India's place at the political conference if they so desired."

According to this informant, the reply of the Asian-African group was that it was now too late for such an approach.

Members of the Asian-African group denied a report that Mr Lodge was meeting the group today.—Reuter.

Russia's New Proposal

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appropriate and expedient, irrespective of the sympathies of the states. My Vyshinsky said that the fifteen-power draft resolution drawn up by fifteen nations headed by the United States "served as a further illustration of attempts to use the United Nations as an organ of foreign policy of the United States alone."

"The fifteen-nation draft is a fifteen nation dictate, where the plans are called by the United States," he said.

RIGHT NOT DENIED Mr Vyshinsky contended that the Soviet delegation had not suggested that South Korea should be "ruled out" of the political conference.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, he said, "had incorrectly interpreted" the Soviet draft resolution as meaning Soviet Union did not want South Korea in the conference.

"We do not deny the right of South Korea as one of the participants in the conference," Mr Vyshinsky added. "Any decision of the conference, in order to be regarded as adopted, must have the unanimous agreement of the two parties which signed the armistice agreement," he said.

Mr Vyshinsky then read the statement of Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, broadcast by Peking Radio on Monday and finished by introducing his revised resolution.

The Soviet delegate spoke for eighty minutes.—Reuter.

Nigerian Officials On Visit



A party of Nigerian local government officials, who are completing a course in London at the invitation of the British Council, pay a visit to the Middlesex Hospital, London. Nurse S. M. Sainsbury talks with Mallam Sule, senior visiting teacher, of Ilorin, watched by other members of the party, during the visit. — London Express.

ANOTHER STOWAWAY MAKES LONG SWIM

Honolulu, Aug. 25. The second of two daring Japanese students who jumped overboard from the liner President Wilson on Friday night and swam an estimated five to eight miles to Kauai Island surrendered today to a US Immigration Service woman stenographer.

Chief Immigration Inspector Wigan Moss said Koshi Kurokawa, 22, of Yokohama, submitted from newspaper stories that he did not stand a chance of evading capture so he decided to give himself up.

Moss said Kurokawa went to the Immigration Service before office hours this morning. But the building was locked up, so he went to a restaurant across the street, identified himself to a stenographer, Mrs Lily Tsutsumi, and told her he wanted to surrender.

Kurokawa and Harry Yuzo Ariz, 22, also of Yokohama and a fellow student at Nihon University, stowed away on the liner in Tokyo and remained aboard undetected for a week before going overboard in rough waters off Kauai and swimming ashore. They ate only one square meal during the entire voyage.

Ariz was exhausted when he reached shore and was found by three fishermen, who took him to a hospital and called the police. Kurokawa arrived in better shape after the nine-hour swim. He got food, rest and a bath at a nearby home. He later bought clothes and took a plane to Honolulu.

Ariz said they had been planning the adventure for a long time but had a shipboard argument on Friday night and jumped overboard at different times, landing a few miles apart on shore.

Both are now in the custody of Immigration officials in Honolulu pending charges of stowing away and possibly of illegal entry.—United Press.

Troops Arrive

An advance party of the Second Gurkha Rifles arrived in the tropics today for garrison duty here this morning. The main body of the regiment is expected here sometime in the near future.

Also to arrive, en route to Korea were miscellaneous replacement troops, including units of the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery. They are sailing this afternoon.

Dutch Troops On The Way Home

A detachment of seven officers and 174 men of the Netherlands Army with the United Nations Forces in Korea arrived here in the morning on their way home after completing their tour of duty in Korea.

The detachment, under the charge of Captain F.H.D. van Dorsser, of The Hague, included the two soldiers, Cpl. W.E.D. de Vos 26, and Pte. C. Sep, 23, who were alleged to have assaulted a Japanese businessman in Kobe's waterfront last Friday evening. Capt. van Dorsser said that the men, who were kept in the ship's brig, will be court-martialed when they return to Holland.

Capt. van Dorsser said that his men reached Korea last September and that during the fighting there six were killed and 30 were wounded. The unit had its first casualty only a few days after its arrival in the T-Bone Hill fighting when one man was killed.

The unit won many decorations including two United Nations Government and about 15 Bronze Stars (US) and 15 Bronze Crosses (Dutch) by individuals. Other decorations from the South Korean Government are forthcoming.

The detachment leaves port at 4 p.m. today. Capt. E. Rowe, of Rotterdam, is Second-in-Command and Major H. P. Schins is the unit's Chaplain.

Junks Illegally Moored

For mooring their junks in-shore at night time without permission, four accused, Ng So, 21, master of junk No. T741H, Chan Mui, 37, master of junk No. B880V, Chung Hoi-kan, 45, master of junk No. 440V and Cheung Mo-ko, 35, mistress of junk No. 150V, were fined \$15 each by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Another defendant, Kwok Wei, 33, mistress of junk No. 1380V, who had one previous conviction of the same nature, was fined \$20.

Chan and Chung's junks were seen lying alongside the piers along the Wilmer Street Pier at 2 this morning, while the rest were seen moored at the pier off the Western Market shortly after midnight last night.

None of the defendants' junks were engaged in loading cargo or unloading cargo, added the Police.

ALLEGED ROBBERS ON TRIAL

Accused Questions Police Officer Concerning Arrest

Evidence of arrest was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of three men and a 16-year-old boy accused of having robbed two schoolboys picnicking near Lion Rock Hill on May 10.

The accused before Mr. King-ll, 20, Lam Kei, 16, and Ng Wing-pun, alias Ah Ng, 25, six men and a woman are Ng Yiek, alias Ah Ha, 22, Choi

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The Prosecution is being conducted by Mr Simon F. S. Li, Crown Counsel, with Det. Sub-Insps. Cheng Ka-cheung present for the Police.

Det Cpl Lui Lo said the first and second accused were arrested in a noodle shop in Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon City, on the night of May 10. Later at 1 a.m. the second accused took the Police party to Shek Kip Mei Village where they found the boy accused asleep in a hut. They woke him up and arrested him. At 9.45 a.m. on May 20 the Police went with the first and second accused to the Tai Sheung Pawn shop in Shanghai Street and recovered a wrist watch. When this was shown to the first accused, he nodded his head. The same evening the third accused took the Police to locate a woman, Lam Siu-fong, in Kowloon City. She in turn took them to a hut in Li Ching Uk village where she produced a pawn ticket and a fountain pen from a basket there.

The fourth accused was arrested in Apichau on May 30, added the detective.

CROSS-EXAMINED Cross-examining the detective, the first accused insisted he had arrested three men in the noodle shop.

The witness denied this, but admitted that he had paid \$1.50 for the noodles the men ate. "The second accused and I did not have a cent in our pockets when we were searched at the Police Station. How could we have gone to eat noodles? It was the third man who had the money. He was the person who held the chopper at the time of the alleged crime. You arrested him and then released him. He should be in the dock," said the first accused to the witness.

The detective maintained he arrested only two men who were at the table in the shop. Supt. A.L. Gordon gave evidence of identification parades he held. He said that the first, second and third accused were identified by the three students at one parade and the fourth accused was identified by two of the students at another. The trial is continuing.

Evidence that Soviet generals are not faring as well as they did right after Stalin's death in early March also has been detected. Veteran Marshal Kliment Voroshilov was dropped a peg recently.—United Press.

A survey shows that Malenkov's name, during one recent four-day period, was mentioned many times in Pravda and 160 times in Izvestia, the key Moscow newspapers. No other Russian leader was mentioned. Malenkov himself had previously been given little personal publicity in the Soviet press and the emphasis had been on "collective" leadership.

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Tobacco Taxes Increased

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 26. The Federation of Malaya, in a bid to balance a budget upset by the war against Communist terrorism, today made big increases in tobacco taxes.

A tin of medium English brand cigarettes went up 25 cents (seven pence) to two dollars and 30 cents (five shillings and 4½ pence).

This separate territory of Singapore, a Colony, was unaffected and the same tin of cigarettes here costs one dollar 80 cents (four shillings and 2½ pence).

An official statement said that though Britain had offered financial aid to balance the budget, "it would be however not only invidious, but lacking in national pride if the Federation were to accept aid from Her Majesty's Government without making the best possible effort towards meeting the costs of the Government of this country from our own resources."—Reuter.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. New Zealand, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing. Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., as Canton.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Formosa, 1 p.m., via C.A.T. Philippines, 6 a.m., via U.S.A. (San Francisco), 120 p.m., P.A.A. Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m., C.P. Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., C.P.A./B.O.A.C. Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing. China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train to Canton. India, 11 a.m., as Sun On. Japan, 1 p.m., as China Trans-Pacific. Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m., as Star Arcurus.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, School of the Air, 6.15, BBC Bandstand, 6.30, Fairway Aviation, 6.45, Band cond. by Harry Mortimer (BBC); 7.00, Lucky Star, 7.15, request presented by Margherita (Studio); 7.30, Weather Report; 7.45, Sing and Tell; 8.00, News Talk (London Relay); 8.15, Letter from America by Allan Cooke (Recorded); 8.30, Orchestra of the Week; The Boyd Noel String Quartet; 8.45, The Sea Gull by Anton Chekhov, produced by Val Gledhill and David H. Gordon; 9.00, One Night Stand with Horne Hilda; 9.15, Weather Report; 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Reds Re-writing Chinese Dramas

A large scale re-writing of classical Chinese dramas is under way under the direction of Chinese Drama Research Institute, Peking, according to the Tai Kung Po.

It was announced by the Institute that 194 dramas in Mandarin dialects will be staged in various parts of China this year. The re-writing work includes changing the "unhealthy" themes of the dramas, and their presentation with artistic technique, it was reported.

'What's Her Line?' Solution CORSETKREE London Express Bureau.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Let's play French Foreign Legion—I'm trying to forget my mother!"

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